

Ask Amy

Your Insight Into The TBI Fund

Dear Amy,

I was approved for cognitive therapy through the Fund in February 2006, and I was wondering: is there a time limit on this funding? If there is, what happens if I don't use it in time? Do I lose it?

- Jim in Morristown, NJ

Dear Jim,

Any services or items that are approved through the TBI Fund are available to you through the end of your current funding year. If you were approved for services through the Fund for the first time ever in February 2006, your funding year is from February 2006 – February 2007.

If you were first approved for services in June 2005, and then you received additional funding in October 2005, all of those funds will still expire in June 2006, as that is the end of your funding year.

If you do not use your funding by the end of your funding year, the funds will be returned to your lifetime cap. This means that they are no longer

available for you to use for the things you have been approved for (like cognitive therapy); however, you do not "lose" the money. It simply goes back into the amount that remains in your lifetime cap of \$100,000. You can then contact me and request services for your new funding year.

Any decision letters that have been created as of February 2006 should include information about your current funding year.

I understand that this may be a confusing issue for some people, so if you have any questions about your particular funding year, please feel free to contact me toll-free at 888-285-3036 (press 2).

Amy Soppet-Taklif is the manager of the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund. She is a certified social worker who has worked with people who have acquired brain injury for several years. Ms. Soppet has a background in cognitive remediation and disability advocacy.

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